

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Initially, applicants and applicants' representative thank Examiner Harrison for the interview granted applicants' representative on September 6, 2007. During the interview the outstanding rejections were discussed in detail. Further, during the interview claim amendments to clarify certain claim features were discussed. The present response sets forth the discussed claim amendments. Examiner Harrison indicated she would further consider such amended claims when formally filed in a response.

Claims 10-35 are pending in this application. Claims 10-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,480,048 to Kitamura et al. (herein "Kitamura") in view of U.S. patent 5,970,319 to Banks et al. (herein "Banks"). Claims 23-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kitamura in view of Banks. Those rejections are traversed by the present response as discussed next.

Of currently pending claims 10-35, each of claims 10 and 23 is an independent claim, and applicants respectfully submit those independent claims 10 and 23 (and thereby the claims dependent therefrom) positively recite features that clearly distinguish over Kitamura in view of Banks.

Claims 10 and 23 are amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Claims 10 and 23 now specifically recite forming "at least one conductor", "forming an insulating sheet onto a second support member", and "pressing the second support member with the insulating sheet" to a height of the at least one conductor portion. Those claim features are believed to be clearly supported by the original specification. As a non-limiting example in Figures 2A-2C in the present specification an insulating sheet 16 is formed onto a second support member 18, and that second support member 18 with the

insulating sheet 16 is pressed to a height of the conductor portion 14. The claimed features are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

Claims 10 and 23 are directed to a device in which a conductor portion acts as a stopper in a pressing process so as to make a height of an insulating sheet equal to a height of a conductor portion.

With reference to Figures 2A-2C in the present specification as a non-limiting example, an insulating sheet 16 supported by a support (for example foil 18) is pressed into a conductor portion 14 from above (see Fig. 2A). The insulating sheet 16 on the support 18 is pressed to a height of the conductor portion 16, and the conductor portion 14 can be used as a stopper to make the height of the insulating sheet 16 equal to the height of the conductor portion 14 (see Figs. 2B and 2C).

Applicants respectfully submit clearly the claimed features distinguish over Kitamura in view of Banks.

As discussed during the interview of September 6, 2007 with Examiner Harrison, neither Kitamura nor Banks is directed to a device similar to the claimed features. In the claims as written, an insulating sheet formed on a second support member is brought into contact with the conductor portion from above and is pressed thereinto using the conductor portion as a stopper. Neither Kitamura nor Banks disclose or suggest any such method in which an insulating sheet would be formed onto a second substrate, and where such a combined structure would be brought into contact with the conductor portion from above and then utilizing the conductor portion as a stopper.

Thereby, the claims as currently written are believed to clearly distinguish over Kitamura in view of Banks.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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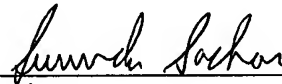
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